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51st JOTA / 12th JOTI

Jamboree on the Air- Jamboree on the Internet

18/19 October 2008. Once again, Scouting throughout the world will be in contact with one another on this weekend. Scout Groups should contact a friendly amateur radio ham to be able to take part in this World Wide Scouting Radio contact with brother and sister Scouts in other parts of South Africa and the rest of the world.

Maybe you have Internet available for the JOTI link. Investigate the VHF radio link, an Internet-based voice technology that allows for the integration of the internet and amateur radio, enabling high-quality communications to almost anywhere in the world, whether the stations on either side use PCs or handheld radios.

Go to: www.scout.org/jota

22nd WORLD JAMBOREE SWEDEN

What are you doing in summer 2011?

Going to the World Scout Jamboree!

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will be held in Sweden during the northern Summer of 2011.

This will be the first World Scout Jamboree to be held in the new Scouting Century and with 30 000 scouts from around the world expected to attend this will be the event of a lifetime.

World Scout Jamborees are special events. It brings together the youth of the world from almost all countries on this planet.



The South Africa Scout Association will once again be sending a contingent of Scouts as well as International Support Staff to this great event. More information will soon be available through the Provincial offices as well as the website.

“CLEAN UP THE WORLD” CAMPAIGNE

Brian February, our International Commissioner, endorses the suggestions of Troop Scouter, Nolan van de Merwe and asks that every Scout Group in the country take part in this most necessary exercise, which is so part of the fight against Climate Change. Details on page 3.

Nolan suggests that Scouting South Africa embrace this project with vigour, in our Centenary year, to show

the World that we are serious about the condition of our planet on which we live.

Groups, Districts and Provincial Areas are asked to report their activities, with photos and writeups to:

SAHQ, P.O. Box 2434 Clareinch 7740
or on email:
sahq@scouting.org.za

CONGRATULATIONS SPRINGBOK SCOUT AWARDS



Jennifer-Anne Davies - Gauteng
Luke Hutchinson - Gauteng
Victoria Marsh - Gauteng
Cassandra Billowes - Gauteng
Lee Croeser - Western Cape
Simon Goemans - Western Cape
Philip Gaag - Western Cape
Faizel Achmat - Western Cape
Jonathan Bandli - Western Cape
Jonathan Glass - Western Cape
Luis-Ricardo Martin - Western Cape
Bradley Smith - Western Cape
Aakefa Abrahams - Western Cape
Naeema Sadien - Western Cape
Llewellyn Mylroie - Western Cape
David Hallendorf - Gauteng

SILVER PROTEA

Roger Maggs - Central Province
For long and outstanding service to the movement.

be prepared....

DUTY TO GOD



This piece was written by Vic Clapham and appeared in "Veld Lore" in 1979. How appropriate it is in the present time in our beloved country?

OUR FATHER

In this centenary year of Scouting in South Africa, and in many other countries around the world, let us have yet another look at the ideal of world brotherhood that unites us all. However they might differ in various respects, all of the great religions, in teachings and in prayers, acknowledge the universal brotherhood of man as, too, they acknowledge that there is but one Supreme Being.

We have, for example, a most significant expression of this in the opening words of the age-old Lord's Prayer, said daily by millions of Christians throughout the world.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven . . .

OUR FATHER! Not his Father or her Father, or your Father or my Father, but OUR Father! This is nothing less than a most profound and complete declaration acknowledging the universal brotherhood of man.

Where is Heaven? Whatever faith you may follow, you are taught very clearly that Heaven is within you. And in saying the six opening words of the Lord's Prayer, you acknowledge and declare the universal brotherhood of man, and the existence within you of the tiny spark of God that makes you and all mankind the children of the one Living Father.

Thus we can realize that irrespective of our ethnic roots or religion, we are all members of the vast human family.

We have our own fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers, but they too are but children of the Father made, like you and everyone else, in the spiritual image of the Great Father of all, for all of us are tiny sparks of His Divine Flame.

Baden-Powell fully realized all this when he wrote the 4th point of the Scout Law; "A Scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout, no matter to what country, class or creed the other may belong".

In this world of galloping greed and selfishness, hate and violence, Scouting continues to uphold the principle of brotherhood. The more vicious the world may get all around us, the more important it is that we rise above it all, keep our faith, and love and serve our brothers and sisters in thought word and deed. Difficult sometimes? Yes of course! It is only in the overcoming of such difficulties that we can give expression to the spark of God within each of us. The triumph is in the overcoming.

GREENING OUR HOMES

With the dire situation with regard to energy in our country, and in fact, the world, Scout Leaders should be in the forefront of training our Scouts and Cubs to regard any wastage of energy in their homes, whether by themselves, their family or even their family maids, as important as littering in the street or any other anti-social behavior.

Scout Law 9 A Scout is thrifty. "Thrifty" a word most young people have difficulty in understanding, let alone putting into practice. "Do not waste - money time food don't tear your clothes etc. as they will have to be replaced and cost your folks MONEY". And that is about where most Leaders leave it. We also have the added responsibility to not waste ENERGY and this should be as an important part of our "Personal Growth Agreement", at every stage of the Scout's progress, as all that has gone before. Maybe something like the following example may help:- "ENERGY" what is energy? My sports coach tells me "Put more energy into your training and I will be a better sportsman!" Is physical energy what we are talking about? If I pedal my cycle harder I will go faster, at the top of the hill I will have lost my energy and have to rest so that I can build up that energy again, then I can continue and reach home.

Sure, energy is anything that makes things work. Eating food gives us energy. The sun's energy (heat) makes our food grow. Wind energy makes waves in the ocean and drives a yacht along. Petrol and diesel oil, when burnt, makes our cars and busses go. Rushing water is the energy to make turbines produce electricity. Nuclear energy and coal make most of the

**PLEASE SWITCH OFF
YOUR GEYSERS**
So asks ESKOM our power supplier:
Geysers consume the most electricity in households.
If we switch off our geysers when we get up in the morning and switch them back on when we go to bed, we will be participating in the power savings drive and help to avoid load shedding.

electricity in South Africa and electricity is the energy that makes almost everything in our homes work. Our lights, our stoves, our heaters, our TVs and our computers. Electricity also drives all the factories that make the things we enjoy in life possible. Dad's car, a tub of margarine, that packet of chips I so enjoy, even sweets, my cellphone.

Well, just like you peddling up the hill on your mountain bike, South Africa is using up its energy running all those million things that make our every day life. When our country runs low on energy (electricity), a little man throws a

switch and things in your area stop working, we sit in the dark until a candle is lit.

Now, if everyone in the country, beginning with you, used just a little less energy in our homes, our electricity generators would be able to cope and our area would not have to be switched off, so that other people could share what energy our country has left.



**CONSIDER
RE- CYCLING !**

"Thinking is the ultimate human resource. The quality of your future will depend entirely on the quality of your thinking." -

Edward DeBono



WHAT IS CLEAN UP THE WORLD?

Clean Up the World is a community based environmental campaign that inspires and empowers individuals and communities from every corner of the globe to make their environment a cleaner, healthier place to live.

Now in its 16th year, Clean Up the World, held in conjunction with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), mobilises an estimated 35 million volunteers from more than 110 countries annually making it one of the largest community based environmental campaigns in the world. Scouts have been involved with **Clean Up the World** every year since its inception.

The campaign brings together businesses, community groups, schools, governments and individuals who carry out a range of activities and programs that positively improve local environments. Our mission is to inspire individuals and communities around the world to clean up, fix up and conserve their environment.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Groups, organisations, businesses and communities around the world who wish to address an environmental issue by coming together to conduct an activity or project can join Clean Up the World. Membership is free and renewable annually.

Clean Up the World initiatives can include clean up events

climate change awareness and prevention activities, recycling projects, educational campaigns, resource recovery projects, tree planting, water reuse and conservation, competitions and exhibitions.

Whilst Clean Up the World initiatives can be undertaken at any time of the year, the campaign's flagship event is **Clean Up the World Weekend, 19-21 September 2008**. Participants are encouraged to organise clean up events around this weekend and celebrate their environmental achievements.

Clean Up the World provides a range of information, support and facilitation services aimed at assisting participants to organise and promote clean up events and other environmental initiatives.

By joining the Clean Up the World campaign, participants can share information and experiences with Clean Up the World's global network and positively change their local environment.

Clean Up the World profiles and promotes the achievements of its participating organizations through its extensive partner network, global, regional and national media coverage and its website.

The campaign is coordinated and promoted by Clean Up the World Pty Ltd based in Sydney, Australia.

SCOUT INVOLVEMENT INTERNATIONAL

- The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) has partnered with Clean Up the World as an Ally. WOSM will be promoting involvement in the Clean Up the World campaign to its National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and celebrating the achievements of their local Scout Groups.

- National Scout Organizations (NSOs) can choose to join the Clean Up the World campaign and register their initiative as - promoting awareness of, and involvement in, the Clean Up the World campaign to their local Scout Groups. They will also be responsible for coordinating national Scout participation in the campaign.

- Clean Up the World will support participating NSOs by providing them with information and resources about conducting environmental activities which can be adapted and translated to suit the national context.

- Clean Up the World will record and promote the initiatives of the NSOs to its partner network and the media and on its website and through the website of World Scouting www.scout.org

LOCAL

- Local Scout Groups who wish to participate in the Clean Up the World campaign should contact their NSO to register their interest and encourage them to join the campaign.

CONTACT CLEAN UP THE WORLD

Clean Up the World staff in Australia can be contacted easily via email, post, telephone or fax. The campaign materials are available in English, French and Spanish.

- Email us at:

info@cleanuptheworld.org

- Visit our website:

www.cleanuptheworld.org

- Post a letter to:

18 Bridge Road,
Glebe NSW 2037
Australia.

VIC CLAPHAM'S VELD LORE SCRAP BOOKS

Edited by Peter Foster



From time to time I insert some of Vic Clapham's drawings, suggesting better ways to go camping, hiking and menus into Scouting About. I trust that these make your training of Scouts that much easier and more

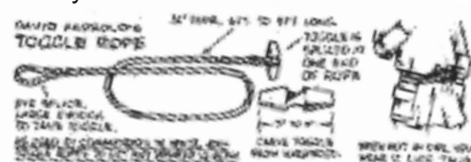
comfortable, for them, when they are doing activities out in the open air.

When you next visit your Provincial Scout Shop or HQ, you must have a look at Vic Clapham's Veld Lore Scrapbooks in 6 volumes:

Camp Fires, Hiking, Camp Cooking, Camping, Veld-craft and Nature. Scouter Peter Foster has done a great job in collecting historical illustrations and writings of this remarkable man and has put them into these six slim A4 volumes.

Vic's "Veld Lore" Scouting's wall/spread sheets were full of Scouting ideas and information, and appeared regularly for many years. Scouters, from that time, hoarded each and every edition from the very beginning.

Unfortunately, Vic has gone home and present day Scouters do not have this great resource, unless, of course, you know someone who has kept his collection and you can look into it. I suggest you put the six Scrapbooks into your Scouting library.



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18th SENIOR SCOUT ADVENTURE

9 to 20 December 2008

The adventure programme provides unforgettable activities and fun in the famous backpacking country of the Cederberg Wilderness Area along rugged, rocky trails. Programme features combine the best of advanced Scouting, to provide you with fun and a real challenge water activities rock climbing the ultimate challenge game underwater diving mountain biking sailing and many more.

Scouts must be 15 years or older, be physically fit and be able to carry their pack for the full ten days of the adventure in the open, over rugged terrain.

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or Save a Place at

adventuresecretary@scouting.org.za

and visiting ships, Air Scouts are guys that are interested in things in the air. The first thing to find, if you have a number of Scouts that want to go in that direction, is a prospective leader who is connected to flying and has access to a flying club or the airport, to facilitate access to planes and has a knowledge of Air Scout badge requirements.

Air Scouts wear a uniform of light blue shirt, blue belt and pants. Otherwise their programme is exactly the same as all Scouts. At Explorer level they would go the Air Explorer direction. I have known, where an established Troop has formed one patrol of fellows that are particularly interested in the Air Scout badges and have found an air badge instructor and examiner.

The Scout programme is for all Scouts camping, hiking, mapping, boating and air badges. Why not take your Troop to Air Shows, gliding, airports and other air related activities as part of your programme? It has been my experience that any adult interested in that direction, has been only too willing to show the Scouts around and so increase their interest in things of the air.



Scouter Jenny Luen with scouts from the 2nd Kabega troop at an airshow.

INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

As a member of SANAP MARION 65 bird research team, Jared Harding, Troop Scouter of the Humewood Sea Scout Troop in Port Elizabeth, has set off on his adventure. He sailed from Cape Town aboard the SA Agulhas, South Africa's research ship in the Southern oceans, during April this year. A six day voyage took him to Marion Island, part of the Prince Edward Islands, a speck located at 46 54'S, 37 45'E, in the Southern Ocean, just a little north of the Antarctic winter pack ice.

Jared writes in his first email home "Yes, I am surviving on the Island, it's the most amazing place. The wildlife is fantastic here the animals come first and have no fear of humans. I have just returned from an around the island trip, about 80km on foot. Wow! it was hectic...

It took us nine days as we had work to do on the way, ringing young birds and taking samples of what they are being fed by their parents. We climbed Karookop and Azzerella, and with the heights and different terrains we walked, including myers (bogs) where we sank in up to our knees, filling our gumboots with water, we struggled. The weather has been really bad, from rain to gale force winds driving snow. When you walk against it, it really sucks. Sometimes you even have to crawl over exposed rocks."

Jared, a Springbok Scout, will be away from the Troop until May 2009.

Email him on

jared.harding@marion.sanap.ac.za

and make his day.



Jared on a seal weighing on Marion island

The two year long (2007/2009) INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR is one of the most ambitious coordinated science programmes ever attempted. Over the past half century, South Africa has maintained a research presence in Antarctica and on the Prince Edward Islands in the Southern Ocean.

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